

## Xmas Cantata Sunday Evening

Candle-Light Service At Michelson Memorial Church Sunday Evening

The Christmas Candle-Light Service and Cantata will be given at the Michelson Memorial Church on Sunday evening, December 19th at 5 o'clock.

Fifty carol singers, carrying lighted candles and wearing red robes will be in the professional and recessional. Mrs. Ebern Hanson is directing these singers. The senior choir will sing "The Music of Bethlehem," a Christmas cantata, under the direction of Mrs. C. G. Clippert. Mrs. Karl Miller will be at the organ and Mrs. Clippert at the piano. Two of the violinists, Beatrice Peterson and Betty Parsons, will play the offertory and play for other numbers.

Those who attended the candle-light services at Christmas time during the past two years are looking forward to this inspiring occasion. It is to be hoped that the entire community will avail itself of the privilege of sharing in the service.

## HANSON CAFE TEAM OPENS SEASON

The independent team known as the Hanson Cafe quintet opened the basket ball season last Friday night by defeating Kalkaska on the home court.

There was a fair size crowd and it was a good game to watch, with the score 26 to 21.

Members of the Cafe team have been putting in some hard practices and are adding games to their schedule, so that they will be seen in action often this season.

## Defeated Roscommon Ramblers Wednesday Night

In the last few minutes of the last quarter Grayling's Hanson Cafe basket ball team got the lead over the Roscommon Ramblers and held it until the end. It was a small audience which was on hand at the Grayling High School gymnasium Wednesday evening, but those who were there saw a hard fought and an exciting game all the way through. The Grayling boys in the final score had a lead of 12 points over the Ramblers with a score of 46 to 34.

The Grayling boys look good this year and the season looks interesting. We understand the team will be sporting new suits of black and white soon.

Nestorian Movement in China  
The only record yet discovered of the Nestorian movement in China is the Nestorian stone dating from 781 A. D. It is a monument.

# GUIDE TO GIFTS

## It's Christmas Time At Hanson Hardware

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## OLD LANDMARK RAZED

The old vacant dwelling house, that stood across from the Alfred Hanson Garage on property owned by Alfred Hanson, has been razed. This building was one of the old landmarks of Grayling, and although it has been an eyesore for several years, it was one of the good homes in the early days. We haven't been able to find out just what year it was built, neither who built it, but in and around 1890 Hans Jensen and family occupied it. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jensen were very hospitable, and their home was the scene of many a happy gathering of young Danes. It will also be remembered that a young son of the Jensens was accidentally drowned in the dam that still flows near the US27 bridge.

Some 45 years ago Gus Anderson, brother of Mrs. Adler Jorgenson owned the property. At one time a brother of N. Schjotz and family resided there, and for several years Mrs. Anna Bennett ran a boarding house there, selling out to Alfred Hanson.

## Stage Is Set For Community Xmas

There'll be kiddies from all corners of Crawford and Roscommon counties in Grayling on December 24th. Another year has rolled around and Mayor George Burke is busy making his plans for the big Community Christmas treat for the children. Most of the business places and others have been liberal in their donations so that no boy or girl will be left out.

The afternoon's festivities will open with a talk at the Rialto Theatre and leaving the theatre the crowd will be met by Santa Claus.

So it behooves every boy and girl to be on hand on that day.

## HELD INSTALLATION AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Installation of newly elected officers for the coming year of the American Legion Auxiliary was held Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Leo Jorgenson, past president, acting as installing officer. Following are the new officers: Mrs. Sam Rasmussen, president; Mrs. Carl Nelson, 1st vice president; Mrs. Carlton Wythe, 2nd president; Mrs. Wilfred Laurant, secretary; Mrs. J. L. Martin, treasurer; Mrs. Earl Wood, chaplain; Mrs. Charles Tinker, sergeant-at-arms.

Following the ceremonies, lunch was served on a long table covered with a pretty decorated Christmas tree. Later gifts were exchanged, making a very pleasant evening.

Speed of Stars  
Stars travel through space at varying speeds. Some travel several hundred miles a second.



## Finney Starts Toboggans Flying

STARTS ITCHING FOR WINTER CARNIVAL

"Ponce de Leon Finney," as he is called by the heading writer of his newspaper, The Bay City Times—fired the first gun for Grayling's Winter Sports carnival in the Sunday issue of that fine newspaper. So anxious was this fellow Finney to get up here and revel in our winter sports that the weatherman had only just started to get nature into shape for the big program before he started packing his skates and laying out his winter garb.

Yea, and we can hardly wait until he gets here, for of the army of splendid newspaper writers who come here for our winter programs, there are none who are more royally welcome. And if anyone thinks that Fred S. Berge (Finney) gets his information on winter sports by looking out of his home window, he should be here while Finney is doing his stuff at the big winter park. That old youngster knows his skates, and when it comes to riding the toboggans, "Suicide Sal" is just duck soup for him—faster the better. We wish everyone could learn to know Mr. Berge as we do. He is just one grand fellow, loved by old and young.

## Winter Play Site Calls to America

The above is the caption of Finney's humorous news article that appeared in last Sunday's Bay City Daily Times. It reads as follows:

From Bay City Times.  
Kawkawlin, Mich.—The citizens of Grayling are smilin' these days! One does not need to be in that dynamic city to know what is taking place in the town these days or for that matter to know the chief topic of conversation.

As viewed by the Kawkawlin reporter for the Bay City Times the events are as follows: About seven each morning, Emil Giegling, Clarence Johnson, Mayor George Burke, John Bruun, the banker, Chris Olsen, the druggist, Harold "Spike" McNeven, and Roy Trudgeon hop out from under the covers, lift a window at their domiciles, glance at the thermometers hanging outside and dance a jig in their pajamas when the mercury records freezing temperatures. And the dudes only smile when their wives (I hope all are married) squawk "shut that window!"

To these unrestrained boosters of Grayling who vision the time when this famous summer and winter playground will be as well-known and as well patronized as the playgrounds of Switzerland, freezing temperatures mean all will be honkeydory in Grayling for their Winter Sports Carnival.

## Squint and Beans Hatch Plot

Outside the city stands Johnson hill located in the Hanson military reservation. It was just another hill until Clarence Johnson and a group of citizens took a squint at it and used their beans. That squint and "beans" have transferred the town from a just another town in the winter time to one that every person who has any red corporals, or is it corporals, in his blood yearns to visit during their Winter Sports program. And who, unless he is one who has reached the age where he attends funerals and reads first of all the obit column in his daily paper, can resist the temptation of joinin' in the festivities arranged by the Grayling dudes for "the folks."

The Grayling dudes have saved this reporter a neat sum in each at least 50 cents. Gosh! Each winter previous to their sports program I found it necessary to buy a bottle of iodine and take "drops" and, of pulp, well, there was a bottle of Lydia's Pink Pills and a bottle of Epsom salts. All have been thrown away and discarded. I am using the Grayling winter brand of medicine now and I tip that after a few more winter jaunts up there I'll have a complexion as bright as those of those Norse fellows in that town. And boys, there's something Grayling is popular in by the desecration of those sturdy Norsemen who turned the Michigan forests. The girls up there all have complexions as rosy and all are as winsome as Sonja Henie. Maybe they can't skate quite as well as Sonja, but then, who can.

Even Sparks Would Smile  
The attendant scene upon the arrival of the crowds at Grayling during the Winter Sports program would even draw a smile from deadpan Ned Sparks.

Gathered at the depot which has been freed from the days when hundreds of lumberjacks unloaded here to make their trip into the surrounding woods, will be the townsmen. There are smiles and greetings for all. The Grayling residents are "just folks." From the trains will pile hundreds of blankets and fannies from southern cities.

One can glimpse from the latest in winter sports together to those who just like myself puts on their skis and go up and have a good time. It's a style show, and taken together with the merriment, the look of anticipation on the face of the arrivals, the ensemble is one that makes an 'ol person feel young. If one wants to stay young he must get out with the young folks. And that braving air that strikes your nostrils as you descend in the Grayling town! There's something!

The trip out to the playgrounds is made in conveyances furnished by the Sports committee. Through cooperation with state authorities there has been erected numerous shelter buildings which are well heated. If you have brought your skates you put 'em on and perhaps stumble as I do over to the rink.

## Cut Some Fancy Capers

After a few warmups the 'ol anks begin to tuffen up and first thing you know you are trying kid stunts. Youotta get a glimpse of me trying to emulate this Emil Beaudin feller, the niftiest skater in Bay City. But if you don't admire that you can watch those Grayling and other northern dudes cut their fancy capers. The shouts of laughter from the groups loaded on sleds going down Johnson hill toboggan intrigues you and zip goes a nickel. You've just got to take a ride. The ride is thrilling enuf to suit most anyone.

At another spot on the grounds is the ski jump. I'm not suggesting that any of the folks get up there and hop off. An easier way for the inexperienced to make the obit column is just to try and walk across a busy intersection in Kawkawlin and let an automobile bump you off. But for the experts the "yump" is a dandy.

Numerous improvements in the way of equipment and buildings have been and will be made for the Sports program, but customers take it from this old-yonger jigger the Grayling folks can't improve upon the glorious, colorful winter panorama that spreads out before one's eyes as they glanced from the top of lofty Johnson hill at the distant landscape nor improve that invigorating air that makes you feel like a kid and wanna join the Boy Scouts.

Will the Grayling boys please send me the date of their annual affair. I'm getting anxious. Yours truly, Finney, Ponce de Leon of Kawkawlin.

## Only 7 More Shopping Days Before Christmas

## Pioneering In Crawford County

TALK BY AMOS HUNTER BEFORE KIWANIS CLUB

The speaker at the Kiwanis club last week was Amos Hunter, chairman of the agricultural committee of the club. He chose for his subject "Pioneering in Crawford County." This was supposed to be an agricultural meeting and a number of our county agriculturists were expected to be present. None appeared, probably due to the heavy storm that day.

Mr. Hunter's address would have interested them, no doubt, just as it did the members of the club. He spoke as follows:

## Pioneering in Crawford County

This information was hastily procured so I do not wish to emphatically say that all dates are correct. I will say that I believe that all dates are very accurate.

The year 1870 found the M. C. Little extending as far north as a little spot known as Grayling. There were two buildings here at that time, a small general store and a hotel combined and the remaining building being owned by the railroad company. The outside area was a vast timbered country, practically untouched by white man.

Rube Babbitt, as far as familiar names are concerned, was the first settler. He came to Grayling in 1870 and soon settled on a spot down the AuSable, about eight miles from here, which is now occupied by Mr. E. J. Marshall as a summer home. Mr. Babbitt did not devote much time to farming. He chose rather to care for the needs of his family by hunting, fishing, trapping and guiding.

Very interesting is the story of a man by the name of Sherman who came to Grayling in 1872 with his two sons, one of whom was Ben Sherman. He homesteaded the eighty acres located five miles east of Frederic. They had a cook stove on a sled made of barrel staves the whole lot of miles on nothing but an old woods trail or survey line. Mr. Sherman lived in a small shack for the summer and the following year built a 16 x 20 foot log building, and got married.

Timber was so heavy that farming was greatly retarded. In 1873 three other families came in and homesteaded near him. They occasionally cleared the land by having logging bees, rolling logs in great heaps and burning them. The first lumber company known to them in that area was the White Pine Lumber Co. The reason for burning logs was that they wanted the land for farming purposes and then pine was worth only \$2.00 per thousand. There was no market whatever for hardwood timber.

In those early days they had no horses. They soon had oxen and began farming as best they could. Such crops as corn and potatoes were planted here and there in a hit and miss fashion, paying no attention to straight rows as there were so many stumps that this was impossible. Evidently, farming and hunting was the sole means of support. Ben Sherman's grand-daughter, Mrs. Jewell, now lives on the same farm and raises some mighty fine crops. Jerry Sherman of this city is also Ben's son.

In 1876 when Mrs. Elizabeth Foley was only a little girl, her father, Alonzo Bradley, homesteaded out east somewhere near the Hartwick Hill. There were other settlers in there soon afterward, as follows: Tarbell, Cobb, Bradford, Shellenbarger, Fred Lound, John Leese, Hartwick, Mellon and others. These pioneers all endeavored to farm and

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## Womans Club

Mrs. Stanley Stealy was hostess to the Women's Club Monday evening. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Stealy was in charge of the business session.

The following program was given: A short skit "Bachelor's Dilemma," by the Home Economics class, with Miss Tumath as director.

Christmas carols sung by the High School Glee Club. Mrs. Johnson, director.

Dr. Ardis of the Children's Fund of Michigan gave a very interesting talk covering "The Work of The Children's Fund of Michigan" in Crawford County. The Club will entertain the Camp Fire Girls next Monday evening at Michelson Memorial church.

The following ladies will be in charge:

Mrs. Roy Milnes, chairman of Entertainment; Mrs. A. J. Joseph, chairman of Decorations; Mrs. R. Welsh, chairman of Luncheon; Mrs. Gerald Poon, chairman of Candy.

## MRS. FOURNIER-DALY PASSED AWAY

Grayling friends were grieved on learning of the passing of one of Grayling's former estimable women, Mrs. Julia Fournier Daly that occurred Friday at Harper Hospital, Detroit.

When Mrs. Daly and her former husband Lucien Fournier lived in Grayling the latter operated a drug store for years. They were among Grayling's most substantial and estimable citizens and although the family left Grayling in 1910 Mrs. Daly had kept in close touch with old friends, which includes many of the older residents here.

Funeral services were held Monday morning in St. Anthony's Shrine, Duns Scotus College with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Royal Oak.

Mrs. Daly was born in Royal Oak Sept. 20, 1861, the daughter of the late George Erb and Barbara Martin, early Royal Oak settlers. After completing her regular school work she studied at Oberlin College and then became a school-teacher at Oakwood, Oakland county. In 1883 she went to Grayling, where she was assistant to the principal of the high school for five years.

In 1888 she married Lucien Fournier and in 1910 they moved from Grayling to Royal Oak, where Mr. Fournier became active in the real estate business. In 1914 he died and she moved to California to live with her only son, Arthur Martin Fournier. Later they traveled in Europe so he could study music. For several years she lived at St. James Lodge, Chantilly, France. Her son died in 1928.

On April 24, 1929, she married the Rev. Herbert A. Daly, then curate of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral and they made their home at the Shrewsbury Drive address until Sept. 1936, when they moved to the Wardell Apartments. Mrs. Daly was a member of the Colony Club, the Women's City Club, the League of Catholic Women, the Catholic Study Club and Duns Scotus Parish.

Surviving are her husband, now assistant vicar of St. George's Anglo Catholic Church; two nieces, Mrs. Frank E. Springsteen and Mrs. Clara Erb Kidder of Royal Oak, and a nephew, Lewis Erb, of Huntington Woods.

Paris' Old Flea Market  
Because Philippe IV wouldn't be bothered with peddlers, Paris has its nearly 700-year-old flea market of tiny shops at the Porte de Clignancourt.

## 12,000 Montana Grayling Planted

FISH OVER 7 INCHES IN LENGTH PLACED IN MANISTEE RIVER

Grayling, Michigan, December 15, 1937

Mr. O. P. Schumann, Editor Crawford Avalanche Grayling, Michigan Dear Mr. Schumann:

It is rather important that the fishing public be notified of the fact that there were 12,000 caught, mostly in Montana, planted in the Manistee River last fall. These fish are now being released in the Manistee River, Michigan, and are expected to be in the river by the time the fishing season opens in May.

A number of fishermen caught grayling in the Manistee River the last two years and are now naturally disappointed. It is with this thought in mind that I am asking you to publish about this plant of this year as it is only with the help of the fishing public that we can give them a fair trial in reproducing in these waters.

Two years ago the late Mr. Carl Mieselson and myself went over the area in which the grayling were planted as he was very anxious in trying them out in what was formerly a good Michigan grayling stream. After a careful examination of this area I promised him that if the fish were available I would request a future plant in this stream, which was granted this last October when 12,000 were shipped from the West Lake Hatchery to be planted as I directed. I personally supervised the planting and most of the grayling were better than 7 inches and good healthy stock.

Very truly yours,  
H. L. Peterson,  
District Supervisor Fisheries Operations

## Masquerade Party - New Year's Eve

AM. LEGION DRUM CORPS TO STAGE NOVEL PARTY

To watch the old year out and the New Year in, the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps will stage a masquerade party at the High School gym on New Year's Eve.

Get your costumes ready for the big event, the closing one of the year. There will be prizes for the best and funniest costumes. There'll be noisemakers, caps, confetti and you will want to be there to help usher in the New Year 1938.

Every one is cordially invited. Wear whatever you like and put on a funny face.

## MRS. SARAH O. WHEELER PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Sarah O. Wheeler, mother of Delbert Wheeler, passed away at Mercy Hospital, Bay City, Friday morning, December 10th at 2:20 o'clock at the age of 75 years, three months and three days.

Mrs. Wheeler who had made her home in Grayling with her son and his family for the last 16 years, was born in Shepardsville, Clinton County on September 7th, 1862 to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hedinger. In 1881 she became the wife of Jas. Wheeler in Melita, Arenac County, and to the union was born two sons, Jesse and Rose City and Delbert of Grayling.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in Rose City. Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wheeler and family of Grayling attended.

## GRAYLING MERCY HOSPITAL

Open House

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1937

The Public is cordially invited to visit the Hospital on this day.

Of especial interest will be your visit to the New E. J. Marshall Children's Department.

## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 17, 1914.

Rasmus Jorgenson of Manistee was a pleasant caller in the city Monday.

Fred Larsen of Johannesburg is spending a few days here this week, visiting old friends.

Mrs. John McPhee of Cheboygan was a guest of her cousin, Mrs. William Brennan on Wednesday.

Jeff Fogelson returned the forepart of the week from Lewiston, where he had been on a hunting trip.

Miss Marguerite Chamberlain is home from the Ypsilanti Normal school to spend the Christmas holidays.

Anchor Schlotz, formerly a resident of this city, but now of New York, is suffering from an attack of appendicitis at his home.

Armatus Charron of Mason who has spent a couple of weeks here visiting his son Edward, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Charron, left Monday morning for Rogers City, where he has purchased a cigar shop. He has been in the same business in Mason and recently sold out.

Mrs. W. T. Hammond attended the funeral of her sister in Bay City last Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Belmonte and children left this morning for a short visit in Detroit. Mr. Belmonte accompanied them and will return tomorrow.

Miss Anna Riess of Ludington, sister of Father Riess, underwent a very serious operation for appendicitis at Mercy Hospital last Thursday.

George Olson made a business trip to Saginaw Friday last.

Noble Carpenter of Gaylord is here visiting his brother Frank.

Mrs. Lambert is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Crum.

Miss Clara and Will Moore returned to their home in Burt after spending a week with their sister, Mrs. Jane Stannard.

John Hanna, supervisor, and Ivory R. Gile, highway commissioner, of Beaver Creek township, were in Lansing last week in the interest of their township.

Word was received from Lansing last Monday by the Mercy Hospital authorities that the first graduate nurses of Mercy Hos-

pital, Grayling, Misses Maude Tetu and Catherine O'Leary, have passed with high honors the State examinations given at Detroit November 17, 18 and 19th of this year, for state registration before the state board, and that the said nurses were granted a State Registration certificate.

Miss Emma McCullough entertained the members of the Stunt Club last Wednesday evening by taking them to the movies at the Opera House and afterwards serving delicious refreshments at her home.

Geo. Hodge is spending the week visiting in Bay City and Saginaw.

Romane Charron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Charron, is seriously ill at his home.

Mrs. Leroy Barber visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Turner at Vanderbilt last week.

Miss Nola Sheehy returned Monday morning from Detroit, after an enjoyable two weeks vacation.

All the young folks who are attending the different schools and colleges are expected home next week to spend their holiday vacations.

Miss Bernadette Cassidy, who is attending Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, is expected home Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cassidy.

J. S. Kelley and daughter and Miss Vera Cameron of Frederic were business callers here Saturday. Mr. Kelley is manager of the Walsh Manufacturing Co. at Frederic.

A few changes have been

made in the postoffice. The money order window has been moved to the center of the office for the convenience of the public, which is a good improvement.

Miss Lillian Bates left Monday for Detroit to visit for an indefinite length of time.

Peter Jensen, night watchman in the big mill, has received a card from Alexander Berghagen, who was formerly a resident of this city. He is a soldier with the English troops on the frontier in Canada.

Mrs. Joseph Leadbeater of Vanderbilt, a former resident of this city, underwent a serious operation at Grace Hospital in Detroit last week. She is reported as getting along as well as could be expected.

Henry Stephan and wife and Perry Ostrander were delegates last week to the grand meeting of the State Grange, at Battle Creek, as representatives of the local Grange organizations.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Overton caught fire on Tuesday evening, evidently from an over-heated stove or defective flue, and partly destroyed the building.

On Monday morning at the home of her parents, occurred the sad death of Mrs. Petersen, wife of Peter Petersen, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hammond of this city.

**Fingernail Half-Moons**  
The correct name for the white area of the fingernails commonly known as half-moons is the lunula.

**Bee Sting Carries Acid**  
The pain of a bee's sting is caused by formic acid.

## Get Xmas Seals From School

Many Grayling residents who have not received tuberculosis Christmas seals through the mail are, nevertheless, anxious to take part in the Thanksgiving-Day-to-Christmas campaign which will provide funds for Michigan's fight against tuberculosis in 1938.

**Christmas Seals!** A supply of the tiny health stamps may be obtained from any school child in Grayling. Gerald L. Poor, supervisor and Use Them erintendent of schools, announced today. Under the supervision of Mr. Poor, school children in Grayling are providing an opportunity for all to use Christmas seals.

"Because it is impossible for the Michigan Tuberculosis Association to secure names of all in the community who wish to contribute to Christmas seal efforts, this supplementary sale is conducted," explained Superintendent Poor. "Innumerable inquiries are made locally each year as to where Christmas seals may be obtained. Through the sale of seals by school children, all in Grayling who would like to participate in the fight against the White Plague may do so."

"The school children do not canvass the community," he pointed out. "Such a procedure would prove annoying to those who have already received seals. Instead, requests for seals may be made by contacting the office of the Superintendent of Schools or by asking any school child for a supply. The children, too, are given an opportunity to purchase seals for themselves or for their parents."

"Since it is primarily for the protection of our younger generation that we buy tuberculosis Christmas seals, it seems most appropriate that they take this small part in their distribution," Mr. Poor declared.

Proceeds from the state-wide sale will be used entirely for the control of the White Plague. In Michigan this campaign is carried on by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association, a voluntary organization which has been fighting tuberculosis for thirty years.

## FIRST AID TO THE AILING HOUSE

By Roger B. Whitman

### PROTECT CRACKS AGAINST ICE

A CRACK in anything outdoors—woodwork, concrete, masonry—will be made wider should ice form within it. Before winter sets in, the outside of a house should be inspected to locate any cracks or crevices that would hold water and that might be enlarged by the expansion that occurs when ice forms. Stucco walls should be under special notice. Small surface cracks can be disregarded; the cracks to look out for are the deep ones in which water will be retained. A crack in stucco should be widened with a cold chisel, so that a patch can be packed deeply within. The patching material is a mixture of 1 part cement with 3 parts of clean building sand, and only enough water to make the mixture. At the time the crack is patched, the stucco should be thoroughly soaked with water to prevent the absorption of water from the patching material.

Cracks in brickwork and masonry are likely to be in the mortar joints. In closing these, the old mortar should be dug out for a depth of an inch or so to admit plenty of new mortar.

Special care should be taken to close all cracks in clapboards. Small cracks can be closed with thick paint; deeper ones with white lead, used either as it comes or smeared on cotton wicking or heavy cord. In particular, the joints of clapboards at corners should be noted; for it is there that cracking will be especially serious.

By Roger B. Whitman  
WNU Service.

## MOPSY



WNU Service.

China and Canada are soon to be connected by radio-telegraph.

## How Church of England Fills Bishopric Vacancy

According to the history of the Church of England, (25 Henry VIII, c. 20), when the vacancy of a bishopric occurs, the crown is empowered, by statute of 1534, to send the dean and chapter (of the diocesan cathedral) a license to elect, with a letter missive, containing the name of the person whom they shall elect. If the chapter fails to elect within 12 days, the crown appoints a bishop by letters patent, and the chapter failing to elect, or the archbishop, or other appointed bishops, failing to consecrate, are subject to penalties of Premunire (16 Richard II, c. 5).

Before deciding upon the name contained in the letters missive, notes a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, the king receives the recommendation of the prime minister, who has generally received the advice of the archbishop or of other bishops, before deciding upon the name to be recommended.

Thus, the procedure in appointing an archbishop, or a bishop, in the Church of England in England, is as follows:

1. A license to elect and letters missive from the king to the chapter.
2. Election by the chapter.
3. Confirmation of election held first in Bow church, and later at the church house, London. The confirmation involves upon the archbishop, or his vicar general, or upon the metropolitan bishop and two other bishops, or upon four selected bishops.
4. The installation in the diocesan cathedral.

## Devil's Tower, Wyoming, Is 20,000,000 Years Old

Devil's Tower, Wyoming, is the oldest national monument under the National Park service of the Department of the Interior. It is said to be 20,000,000 years old. It is a unique and colossal geologic formation which stands "stumplike" in the Black Hills.

The striated stone, measuring 1,000 feet in diameter at its base, occupies one and a half acres of territory, and stands 865 feet above ground. Geologists hold that about 50,000,000 years ago, when the Black Hills were forming, molten rock started to force its way through weak points in the limestone and sandstone in the area. These formed surface flows, sills and lava "blisters."

Some of the molten masses came through passages that were nearly rounded or oval. The cooling of the molten lava in the passages produced necks or plugs, sometimes called pipes. Weathering frequently exposes these rocks, which remain standing as promontories.

Devil's Tower was proclaimed a national monument by Theodore Roosevelt in 1906.

### Coal Found in U. S. in 1673

There is strong reason to believe that the first discovery of coal on this continent was made in Illinois, by the early French explorers, some time between 1673 and 1690. "It is remarkable," states James MacFarlane, in "Coal Regions of America," "that the first discovery of coal in America of which there is any account in a printed book was made so far in the interior as Illinois by Father Hennepin more than 250 years ago." Hennepin's map, accompanying the edition of his journal published in 1693, locates a coal mine in the bluffs of the Illinois river near Ottawa, where an inferior quality of bituminous coal comes to the surface. Referring to this record left by Hennepin, R. C. Taylor, another authority in economic geology, states: "This is the earliest notice on record of the existence of coal in America."

### "The Act of God"

The legal meaning of "act of God" is an overwhelming natural event, such as a storm or earthquake, which no human being could be reasonably expected to foresee or prevent. According to the common law, no person is responsible for a loss or injury when it is caused by "the act of God or the enemies of the state." If a man is sued for breach of contract and can prove that his non-performance was due to "the act of God," he has a good defense.

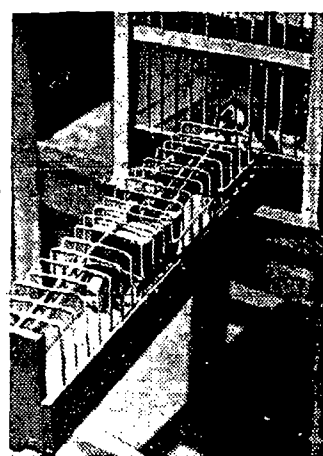
### Speed of Falling Body

In theory, a falling body increases its speed by 32 feet per second every second it is falling, if the action of gravity is wholly unresisted. Experiments by the United States army air corps have shown, however, that there is a maximum speed attained by an object the size and weight of a human body, on falling from any altitude. This is a velocity of 118 miles an hour, attained after falling 1,200 feet and after 11 seconds of falling.

### Captive Mines

A captive mine is so-called because the product of the mine is consumed entirely by the owner and, as a general rule, not sold on the open market. The owners of railroads, iron and steel plants, coke ovens and other industrial concerns own certain coal mines solely to provide fuel for their own industries. Only the surplus from such captive mines is likely to be put on the market.

## Works for His Food



A bird who has learned that if he doesn't work he doesn't eat is shown here at mealtime. He is Oscar, a trained goldfinch who brings many sightseers to the bird shop in Sydney, Australia, where he literally earns his seed in the sweat of his brow. The bird's food is placed in a small truck on a runway outside the cage. When Oscar feels the pang of hunger he hauls on a string and pulls the truck to the side of the cage where he can peck at the contents.

## TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN, OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED.

Take notice, that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof, at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the land lies, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with fifty per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

**Description of Land:**  
STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
County of Crawford,  
NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, except a piece of land in SW corner, thence N. 12 rods, E. 20 rods, S. 12 rods, W. 20 rods to place of beginning, Sec. 20, Town 26 N., Range 3W. Amount paid \$18.73 tax for year 1918.  
Amount necessary to redeem, \$28.09 plus the fees of the sheriff, Samuel Rasmussen,  
Place of business - Grayling, Mich.  
To Martha Sanderson and Lavendee Powell last grantees in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county. 12-9-4

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# Announcing

## TWO NEW FORD V-8 CARS FOR 1938

**THE DE LUXE**  
85 HORSEPOWER

DE LUXE FORD V-8... 112" wheelbase; 85-horsepower engine; Improved Easy-Action Safety Brakes; Center-Poise Ride; All-steel body; Mohair or Broadcloth upholstery; Walnut-finished trim; Twin horns, tail lights, sun visors; Clock; 6.00" black tires, white side-walls are extra; 8 body types; 6 colors.

**THE STANDARD**  
60 OR 85 HORSEPOWER

STANDARD FORD V-8... 112" wheelbase; 85 or 60 horsepower engine; Improved Easy-Action Safety Brakes; Center-Poise Ride; All-steel body; Broadcloth or Mohair upholstery; Mohair extra in '60'; Mahogany-finished trim; One tail light, sun visor; Twin horns; 3 body types; 3 colors.

FORD offers two new cars for 1938—the Standard Ford V-8 and the De Luxe Ford V-8. They are different in appearance—but built to the same high standard of mechanical excellence—on the same chassis.

Because people liked our 1937 car so well, they bought more than of any other make. They liked its looks, its smooth performance, and the way it handled. We have improved on that car in the newly styled Standard Ford V-8.

But some folks wanted still more size and style, with the same Ford advantages. For them, we designed a new De Luxe line.

The De Luxe Ford V-8 Sedans are longer with more room, larger luggage space, and finer appointments all around.

De Luxe cars are equipped with the 85-horsepower engine only.

The Standard is even lower priced than the De Luxe. It has graceful new lines and well-tailored interiors—with a choice of engine sizes—85 or 60 horsepower.

Before Ford made V-type 8-cylinder engines available to every one, they were used only in expensive cars. Since then, four million Ford owners have learned the genuine enjoyment of driving an eight-cylinder car with all-around economy. The thrifty "60" engine, especially, makes possible in Standard models a very low first cost and equally low operating cost. With two distinct designs, two engine sizes and two price ranges, you'll find a 1938 Ford car to fit your needs exactly.

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Standard and De Luxe cars equipped with bumpers, bumper guards, spare wheel, tire, tube, tire lock and band, cigar lighter, twin horns, and headlight beam-indicator on instrument panel, at no extra charge.

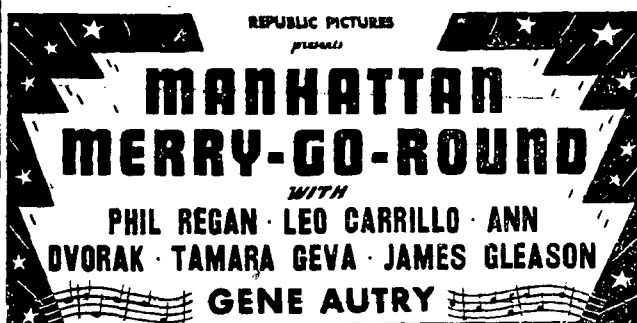
In addition, De Luxe cars are equipped with extra tail light, windshield wiper, sun visor; also de Luxe steering wheel, glove compartment lock, clock, and chrome wheel bands, at no extra charge.

Burke Garage - Grayling, Mich.



# RIALTO THEATRE

Grayling, Michigan



**SUNDAY and MONDAY**  
**December 19 and 20**

Sunday Show continuous from 2 P. M. to Closing.



**WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY**  
**December 22 - 23**

## CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA

The Christmas tree has become such an emblem of that day that one cannot imagine Christmas decorations without it. The custom originated in Germany and many trees still have the traditional decorations of strings of popcorn, cranberries, etc.

The South still burns the Yule log, following English custom, and often a fragment is saved to light the log the next year to symbolize that the fire did not die from year to year.

We, too, sing Christmas carols, as they do in many lands. In Czechoslovakia, the carolers mark the houses they have visited with three crosses.

In some homes, the European custom of burning candles in windows to light the Christ child is followed.

Decorating the outside of our homes with holly, ivy, wreaths and berries is a traditional custom; and the mistletoe branch above a doorway provides sentiment and mirth as it does in England.

In Sweden, one eats a little at every house visited, so as not to take Christmas away from that house when one departs. Most of us serve refreshments to all guests, but may have forgotten the significance of the Swedish custom.

Our American Christmas embodies the sentiment, the spirit and the traditions of many lands.

## Children in Court

Judge Malcolm Hatfield

It was learned in juvenile court this week that the child who is permitted to torture and mistreat family pets frequently develops into a hardened adult.

With the wide-spread sale of rifles and shot guns to irresponsible hunters, there is little wonder that innocent by-standers, live-stock, song birds, and family pets are shot during the hunting season.

So long as this nation adheres to the erroneous belief that all red-blooded American boys must be given toy pistols, air-guns, and rifles to play with, we can expect a murder to be committed in the United States every forty-five minutes throughout the year. Furthermore, it does not take a misguided youth who is skilled in operating an automatic revolver or rifle long to learn how to manipulate a machine gun.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kindness and expressions of sympathy, and Rev. Edgar Flory for his service during our late bereavement.

Delbert Wheeler and Family.

## Win One, Lose One For Grayling High

Grayling High School won from Kalkaska last Friday night in a double-barrelled exhibition of basketball frenzy which wound up with the Green and White triumphant in two games. They were played at Kalkaska, and the regulars took their game 24 to 28, while the reserves won by a baseball score of 11 to 5. All in all it was wild and woolly for eight quarters of competition.

Grayling's quest for a victory was not to be denied Friday night. Though the Kalkaska regulars were big and ambitious Grayling jumped into an early lead which they held most of the time until the close. There were a few wild moments when the Blue and White nosed ahead, but most of the time Grayling showed the way by from one to three points. It was 14 to 17 at the half and 22 to 23 at the third quarter. Kalkaska got a lot less shots and tempted fate with long shots a lot oftener while Grayling worked the ball in for closer efforts and missed quite a few of them. They made enough however to win and send their followers home happy.

The reserves won their third straight game as they downed Kalkaska in a mighty struggle, with scoring reduced to a minimum. The local boys lead clear through however, and defeated their hosts by a decisive enough margin. This game was also rather rough but the final totals suited Grayling.

Grayling High—28.				
Player	Pos.	FG	FT	PF
Bowen, f.		1	1	1
Hunter, f.		0	0	0
Lovely, f.		2	1	4
Hull, f.		0	0	0
Moshier, c.		4	0	2
Coutts, g.		2	2	0
Deckrow, g.		1	0	0
Smock, g.		1	2	0
Peterson, J. H., g.		0	0	0
Totals		11	6	7

Kalkaska High—24.				
Player	Pos.	FG	FT	PF
Nelson, f.		4	2	1
Hinds, G., f.		1	2	0
Fudges, f.		0	0	1
Hinds, J., c.		0	0	0
McLarn, c.		0	0	0
Leach, g.		0	0	4
Rauple, g.		0	0	2
Fulmore, g.		4	2	2
Totals		9	6	10

Grayling Reserves—11.				
Player	Pos.	FG	FT	PF
Wylie, f.		0	1	1
Tibbetts, f.		3	1	1
Jankowski, f.		0	0	0
Ruthkowski, c.		1	1	1
Martin, g.		0	0	0
Welsh, g.		0	0	0
Jenson, g.		0	0	0
Anthony, g.		0	0	0
Totals		4	3	3

Kalkaska Reserves—5.				
Player	Pos.	FG	FT	PF
Osburn, f.		0	0	0
Armstrong, f.		1	0	3
Ball, c.		0	0	1
Mason, c.		0	1	0
Vipanor, c.		0	0	3
Sieting, g.		1	0	0
Elber, g.		0	0	0
Totals		2	1	7

## Grayling-Roscommon Game Was Thriller

Grayling engaged Roscommon Tuesday night and the two teams put on a thriller of a ball game that wasn't decided until the closing moments of play, when Roscommon pulled out to win 33 to 29. The Grayling reserves continued their winning ways however by taking their hosts to the tune of 18 to 13.

Roscommon jumped out into an early lead, with the first quarter score in their favor 10 to 5. In the second period Grayling battled the count to 13 to 13 at the half-way post, and while Roscommon led 24 to 21 at the end of the third quarter, the Green and White team staged another rally that put them ahead 24 to 26 about half way through the last quarter. Roscommon's veteran team came through however, riding on some sensational long shooting by Joe McMahon. Grayling wasn't through however, for they again pulled up to within a point, but they couldn't quite edge out ahead with the necessary points. It was a hard fought affair all the way through, and there should be another bang-up ball game when Roscommon returns here later on.

The Grayling Reserves got off on the wrong foot and found themselves fighting from behind to start things off. They trailed throughout the first quarter, but held narrow leads at the end of each of the next two periods. They weren't out of the woods until late in the game.

The Grayling reserves haven't met defeat yet, and have won from Mancelona, Harbor Springs, Kalkaska and Roscommon.

Grayling Reserves—18.				
Player	Pos.	FG	FT	PF
Tibbetts, f.		3	3	3
Jenson, f.		0	0	0
Wylie, f.		3	0	2
Ruthkowski, c.		1	0	1
Herbison, c.		0	0	0
Martin, g.		0	1	1
Anthony, g.		0	0	0
Welsh, g.		0	0	0

Jankowski, g.				
0	0	0	0	0
McNamara, g.				
0	0	0	0	0
Totals				
7	4	7		

Roscommon Reserves—13.				
Player	Pos.	FG	FT	PF
Knapp, f.		0	0	1
Rudden, f.		0	0	0
Emery, f.		2	0	1
Lance, c.		2	0	2
Burtenfelder, c.		0	0	0
Van Camp, g.		0	2	1
Sullivan, g.		0	1	0
G. Hirman, g.		1	0	1
Totals		5	3	5

Grayling High—29.				
Player	Pos.	FG	FT	PF
Bowen, f.		2	1	4
Smock, f.		0	1	0
Lovely, f.		4	1	2
Moshier, c.		2	1	3
Coutts, g.		0	2	2
Duckrow, g.		2	2	1
J. Peterson, g.		0	1	1
McClain, g.		0	0	0
Totals		10	9	16

## KIWANIANS LAUD WOMAN'S CLUB

Seldom do I hear of anyone complimenting the Woman's Club on the fine work which they are doing in our community. They perform the duties of their organization each year almost unnoticed by the rest of the community. Just as the Boy Scouts is our major project, so is the Milk Fund the major project of the Woman's Club. The milk fund, as you know, is the financing of milk for under-nourished children, which is supervised at Grayling High School.

Having been in close contact with this club in the past, I am in a position to inform you that they are a very hard working group. They must figure closely and sacrifice much, in order to be certain that every under-nourished child gets a half-pint of milk each day. You men are full grown and well fed. You do not have to build bone and muscle. You realize how good a glass of milk tastes to you at most any time of the year. Imagine how this is received by an under-nourished child. The Woman's Club is going to supply milk to over one hundred children this winter. You may be sure the children appreciate this milk.

Therefore, as a member of this Kiwanis Club, I wish to take this opportunity to state that the Kiwanians, as a body, want to compliment the Woman's Club on their fine work and extend good wishes for a very successful year in 1938.

Amos Hunter.

## SPECIAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS NEAR SAGINAW

The state this week clamped special traffic regulations on US-10 for 6 1/2 miles south of Saginaw in an effort to cut the heavy accident toll along this main highway.

Regulations which went into effect Wednesday (Dec. 15) call for a 50-mile-an-hour speed limit between Saginaw and Bridgeport, 35 miles an hour in Bridgeport, and a prohibition against driving in the wrong lane of traffic or crossing the centerline of the highway from Saginaw to M-38. The restrictions follow the issuance of a special danger zone determination and order of State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner and State Police Commissioner Oscar G. Olander.

Commissioner Olander and Sheriff Hugo Muehlenbeck, of Saginaw County, at a conference in Lansing this week, said the restrictions would be enforced to the letter. The speed limits will be absolute, they said, with no leeway for motorists.

"The state police are in a position now to carry out a very effective selective enforcement program. We have 104 troopers available for traffic patrol."

Both Olander and Sheriff Muehlenbeck said they would use every effort to prevent loopholes in the enforcement of the regulations. They particularly will be on guard against "ticket fixing" and adjourned court cases, they said.

Seventy accidents occurred along this stretch of highway from Jan. 1 through Sept. 21 of this year including eleven fatalities.

Similar selective enforcement programs are now in effect on US-112 through the Irish Hills section of Lenawee County, on US-10 between Flint and Pontiac, and on the Farmington cut-off of US-16. In each of these zones, the accident rate has been reduced by this program.

**Lothworm Eats Sand**  
The fisherman's lothworm of the seashore eats large quantities of sand for the sake of the minute organisms it contains.

**Bracelet From Queen's Hair**  
A bracelet made from Queen Victoria's hair when she was a girl is on exhibition in London.

Alfalfa, introduced in California during the gold rush, now pays farmers of that state \$30,000,000 annually.

## Michelson Memorial Church

A Community Church

Edgar Flory, Pastor.

Friday, Dec. 17th

The Women's Home Missionary Society will hold a Gift Sale at the church.

Sunday, Dec. 19th

10:00 o'clock—Church School.  
10:45 o'clock—Morning Worship. This will be the Christmas worship service. There will be special music. The minister will give a sermon on "Immanuel."  
5:00 o'clock—Candle-Light service and carols.

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, 8 o'clock.  
Christmas program will be presented by the Church School.

## Church Notes

The church is desirous of balancing its budget for the first six months ending Dec. 31st, and would appreciate it if the contributors would make their gifts and contributions before the first of the year. We request the cooperation of every one.

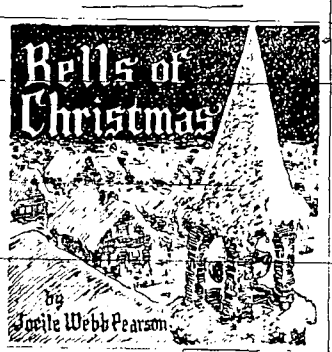
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**Basque National Anthem**  
The Basque national anthem is the "Guernikako Arbola," the Tree of Guernica.

**Founded Lima, Peru**  
Francisco Pizarro founded Lima, capital of Peru, in 1535 and it became the center of Spanish trade on the entire continent.



**TOM MADSEN** sat beside the fireplace and gazed moodily at the blazing logs, as the sparks spiraled upward. Outside flakes of snow bent against the window pane to the chime of the church bells ringing peace and good will to all the earth.

"Peace," Tom muttered. "Was there such a thing on earth? Not for him, anyway." He had staked everything on his boy. Been both father and mother to him—given him the advantage of the best schools, with a law partnership waiting for him in his own office; and what did he get? "Sorry to disappoint you, Dad, but I don't seem to be cut out for law. Sally and I want to find happiness in our own way. I mean to buy the old Wormley farm and Sally and I will be married there, in our own home, Dad, on Christmas eve."

Young Tom had choked a bit as he saw the look on his father's face—"I'm sorry, Dad; I do appreciate all you've done for me, but the hand writes and moves on," and it's all settled. Be a good sport, Dad, and come to our wedding and give us your blessing." But he had turned on his boy. "Never!" he cried. "See my son married to a cheap dancer; a common!"—Young Tom's face was white. "Stop, Dad, or I might forget you are my father"—and he had rushed out of the house.

That had been three long months ago. An eternity for him. He had been too hasty; had been governed by his prejudices. One couldn't measure the present generation by the one of his day. Tom, Jr., was no fool; he should have trusted him to do the right thing; what right had he to interfere; to say how any life should be lived?

Suddenly he wanted to have a share in the joyfulness. He reached for his hat, but remembered it was too late for shopping, but there was his check book. What if Tom refused his tardy offering? The eager look died. There was a loud ringing of the door bell and the sound of rushing feet—the door was flung open. There was Tom, looking just like he used to when he came to him for comfort. "Dad, we just have to have you. Sally sent me to bring you. It's Christmas," Tom, Jr., held out his arms. "We won't disappoint Sally, son."

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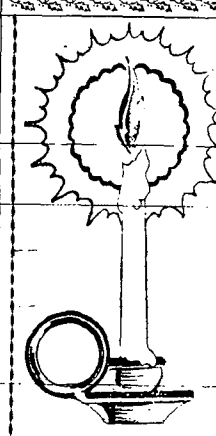
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THURSDAY, DEC. 16, 1937

**BOYCOTT** of Japanese-made goods seems to be quite general in all parts of America. Resentment of the recent sinking of the American warship by Japanese bombers is quite universal. It is obvious that Americans are taking matters into their own hands and not leaving it to war lords to push us into conflict in the Orient, but instead are fighting the Japs by means of the boycott. It is reported that the revenue Japan gets from her American trade would support its army. While the writer has always been opposed to the purchase of foreign-made merchandise when similar kinds are being made in America, we believe the time has come for Americans to stop pussyfooting and come right out and refuse to purchase Japanese-made goods of any kind. If we can't get fine silks elsewhere than from Japan, then let's use whatever we can get even though it may not be of quite such high quality. In Cleveland recently merchants had big bonfires of Japanese merchandise, taken from their store stocks. While, perhaps, many merchants might not be financially able to make such a sacrifice, still they should be able to dispose of their stocks within a week or ten days and after that refrain from stocking Japanese-made merchandise. And if people refuse to buy such merchandise, no wise merchant will wish to continue to stock it.

#### DISCRIMINATION LEADS TO DISTRUST

Considerable has been said in the press and over the air during the past two weeks concerning the practice of the Michigan sales tax administration... of reducing penalties against delinquent merchants and in accepting less for the state than the merchant has collected or should have collected from his customer.

Not all has been said that might be said.

Certainly it is unfair to the purchaser to take his sales tax pennies and then fail or refuse to turn them over to the state for which it was collected. It is just as unfair for the sales tax board to permit these delinquencies to pile up until to force collections would force bankruptcy as the excuse was given. Other merchants have the right to complain if they collect and pay over when competitors are permitted either to not collect or to keep the tax, once it is collected. That is an inexcusable type of unfair trade.

practice which the state government cannot afford to condone, much less participate in.

Then too there is that matter of politics. If political appointees are to be given this sort of power to discriminate as between friends and foes—politically speaking—that certainly leads again to a dangerous practice.

Mr. Draper Allen may be the finest type of public official. The sales tax board may consist of the highest type of public servants. They may act in all good faith. Nevertheless that sort of practice is not in the interests of good government. It does not tend to create or stimulate public confidence. It is that sort of practice which leads to distrust, to further evasion and cheating, and eventually to a complete breaking down of public confidence in all government.

Mr. Allen may have acted in good faith. He did not exercise good discretion—that much is certain.—Ingham County News, Mason.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTS DIRECTORS

At a meeting of the members of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night, names were selected for nomination of directors. Eight of the nominees, having the largest number of votes, will constitute the board.

The Chamber of Commerce was constituted by the Izaak Walton League and given a temporary set up. Royal A. Wright, president of the I. W. L. acting as president, and Farnum Matson as acting secretary. The meeting Tuesday night was for the purpose of completing the organization upon a permanent basis. Ballots for the selection will be in the mails for each and every member of the C. of C. Friday, with instructions to vote for no more than eight names. The newly elected board will draw up a constitution and by-laws and elect the usual officers.

Considerable criticism was offered at the meeting Tuesday because of the lack of support by many of our citizens. If the organization is to be of service it must have revenue. Many alibis were offered by some who refused to join the board, and their being a complaint that in former years money was judiciously expended.

We are confident that every cent paid into the present organization will be used for the purpose of promoting the interests of this community, and that a full accounting may be had at any time.

The Chamber of Commerce is to sponsor boxing matches with the ultimate objective of promoting boxing for the Golden Glove tournaments that will be staged in Michigan this winter.

#### Time Whizzes On

"Years ago how I used to sit on the porch and envy every one who went past in a car!" "You said it. But now, if it weren't for the family, all I'd like to do is to sit home evenings on the front porch."—Hartford Courier-Express.

Glass bottles, sa. shaped, they can be stacked on top of each other have been invented by a California man.

## Personals

Mrs. Gerald Herrick and Miss Helen Pond spent a couple of days in Bay City last week.

Miss Elaine McDonnell is home from C. S. T. C. Mt. Pleasant, for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Horace Shaw was in Bay City over the week end visiting her son Ted and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Henderson of St. Johns visited at the Grant Thompson home Tuesday.

Mrs. Herbert Gothro spent a few days the last of the week visiting Mrs. Frank Barney, in Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cornell and son, Bobby, of Petoskey, were week-end guests of Coach and Mrs. Willard Cornell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber of Frederic left Saturday for Chicago, to spend the winter with their son Edward and family.

Mrs. Charles Owen, daughter Emma Jean and son Dick, left Monday to spend ten days in Detroit visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lottie Tatro and Willard Harwood and daughter Jacquelin attended the funeral of Mr. Harwood's grandmother in Kawkawum Tuesday.

Mrs. Albert Knibbs and daughter Alberta, Mrs. Carrie Feldhauser and Mrs. Carlton Wythe spent Tuesday in Bay City. Neil Matthews was the chauffeur.

Bill Joseph is the first collegian to be seen home for the holidays. He arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas and New Years with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph.

Mrs. Harry Connine has been spending the past week in Detroit. Returning tomorrow she will be accompanied by Miss Mary Gretchen, who will be coming home for the holiday vacation from U. of M. Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jorgenson returned Sunday night from the Soo where they had attended the funeral of a friend, the widow of Mr. Jorgenson's buddy in France during the World War.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Welsh are in Saginaw and Bay City spending a few days. On return they will be accompanied by Fred Jr. from St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wis., who will spend the holidays here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Astay have returned to their home in Jackson after having spent three months in Grayling. Mr. Astay was forman in the C. C. C. camp at Kalkaska, and the couple occupied the William Randolph home during their stay here.

They were called home by the illness of the latter's father, and expect to remain to carry on the father's dairy business.

#### WEEK'S WEATHER REPORT

The official weather report shows that the coldest temperature for the week and also for this year was on Monday morning at 7:00 when the thermometer fell to 14 degrees below zero. Following is the record for the week:

Monday:  
6:00 a. m.—12 below.  
7:00 a. m.—14 below.  
12:00 noon—17 above.  
6:00 p. m.—4 above.  
Tuesday:  
6:00 a. m.—12 below.  
12:00 noon—27 above.  
6:00 p. m.—14 above.  
Wednesday:  
6:00 a. m.—20 above.  
12:00 noon—26 above.  
6:00 p. m.—26 above.  
Thursday:  
6:00 a. m.—27 above.

#### Recreation Notes

Girl's High School League

Standings	Won	Lost
Peterson	1	1
Carr	1	1
Wheeler	1	1
Friday—Dec. 17th, 4 p. m.		
Wheeler vs. Peterson.		
Monday, Dec. 20th, 6:30 p. m.		
Wheeler vs. Carr.		

Boy's High School League

Standings	Won	Lost
Pirates	1	0
Cubs	0	1
Giants	0	1
Monday, Dec. 20th, 7:15 p. m.		
Giants vs. Cubs.		

This program sponsored by the Recreation division of the Michigan W.P.A. with the cooperation of local organizations and the school.

A. G. Clough, Recreation Leader.

#### Franklin's Plea Failed

When Benjamin Franklin applied to the king of Prussia for American aid in the Revolution, the king asked Franklin what the object and aim of the Americans was, "Liberty! Sir," answered Franklin. "Liberty! Sir," repeated the king. "Why, I was born a prince, I am become a king, and I will not use the power which I possess to the ruin of my own trade."

#### I. W. L. ELECTS OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Izaak Walton League Thursday night all the old officers were re-elected to carry on the affairs of the League for another year. These men have worked hard and have built up a nice organization in Crawford county, with a fine membership. They are as follows:

President—R. A. Wright.  
1st Vice Pres.—Jack Redhead.  
2nd Vice Pres.—Frank Bennett.  
3rd Vice Pres.—Ernest Borchers.  
Sec'y and Treas.—Axel M. Peterson.

The meeting was held at the Pete Lovely Mess hall at the Military reservation and preceded the election a fine venison feed was enjoyed. Following the group of men returned to town to the I. O. O. F. temple where they witnessed five boxing bouts and a couple of wrestling matches put on by High School boys. The League is planning to sponsor a series of boxing bouts with the intention of entering contestants in the Golden Gloves tournament.

Tonight the League will hold a meeting to appoint the various committees.

#### EXCERPTS

The abrupt dismissal of Harry G. Kipke, University of Michigan football coach, came as a distinct surprise to alumni, sportswriters and followers of the Maize and Blue in general. It is not the policy of the University of Michigan to kick out a coach simply because his teams have lost a few games, especially when the record also includes such outstanding seasons as Kipke enjoyed a year or two ago.

The only answer to the puzzle is that the Board of Control of Athletics had some other reason for ousting the coach—a reason which thus far the members have preferred to keep to themselves. At any rate the members of the board must feel that Kipke was guilty of something so heinous that he was entitled to no consideration whatever.

It doesn't seem on the face of things that Kipke deserved such treatment from the school that he had served so well as an athlete and a coach. The least the school could have done was to have told him quietly that he was through and give him an opportunity to make other connections before announcing that his connection with the University was severed.

It is hard to imagine just what Kipke could have done that would have justified the board in their abrupt action. Kipke had sacrificed a great deal to remain at Michigan. He turned down double his salary when he was riding high at Ann Arbor. He preferred to stay in the sheltered berth at his alma mater where he felt he was secure for a long time to come. His loyalty has been rewarded by a swift kick in the pants.

The board in control promised a further explanation would be forthcoming and it is to be presumed that the sporting writers will keep after the members until some reason for the ouster is given. Clever sports reporters have a habit of getting the story they are after and this should be no exception.

The board has seen fit to fire Kipke and there is no use crying about it. Thousands of Michigan fans are sorry to see him go and wonder just what it is all about. The main concern now is who will be chosen as Kipke's successor. Will his departure mean a wholesale revamping of the coaching staff? Will Wallie Webster, Benny Oosterbaan, Hunk Anderson and the others also be out in the cold? Or is it just Kipke who will depart? The answer to the question about Kipke's ouster will come in the other changes that are made, if any. If it is his coaching system that is objected to, then perhaps the whole gang will go. If it is Kipke himself, perhaps only the head coach will be changed.

At any rate, it seems that Harry Kipke is entitled to a little better treatment from the University than he received. We are proud to join the group that is sorry to see him go and that wishes him the best of luck in whatever he decides to do.—Petoskey News.

#### STATE AID PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

Distribution of \$7,886,578.54 in state aid funds for local school districts was announced this week by Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, state superintendent of public instruction. The payment is one-third of the state appropriation for aid to districts, the second payment due to come in February and the third in April.

The state legislature appropriated \$25,200,000 this year for school aid purposes. This does not include the primary school fund of more than 15 million dollars. Districts have already been awarded \$3,000,000 of the appropriation for tuition purposes. Crawford county's amount is \$9,391.62.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Mrs. John Charlefour is ill at her home.

Big time at Frederic Town hall Saturday night, Dec. 18. See hand bills for particulars.

Thorwald Sorenson is carrying his left arm in bandages, having accidentally burned himself with hot grease.

Billy Kraus, who has been a patient at Mercy Hospital, ill with pneumonia, is recovering nicely.

Lingerie, hosiery, and dresses make an excellent Christmas gift for the ones you love to remember. A full supply can be found at the Maureen Shoppe.

One of the largest kills of the 1937 big game season last month was a bear weighing approximately 550 pounds. The giant bruin was shot in the vicinity of St. Helens.

We notice that Mayor and Mrs. George Burke are taking the lead in catching the yuletide spirit, being the first to have a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree in the yard at their home.

Fire that resulted from an overheated stove blackened the walls and did other damage in the kitchen of the Emil Giegling home Friday night. The loss was small and was covered by insurance.

Alfred Hanson Sales report the sale of a deluxe two-door Chevrolet sedan to John Stephan, Jr., and William Sampel of Houghton Lake, and a beer truck to Mrs. Susan Chappel.

Grayling Mercy Hospital cordially invites the public to visit the Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 19, when they will hold open house. Of especial interest there is the new E. J. Marshall Children's ward.

For Christmas, your photograph! Special prices from now to Dec. 20. Your friends can buy anything you can give them except your photo. One large 8x10 photo with each dozen.—Trudeau Studio.

The cases of William Emery and Gaylord Knight of Roscommon, scheduled to be heard on Dec. 14 and 15, were adjourned until next week. These men were arrested by a conservation officer charged with having killed a fawn on the last day of deer hunting season.

A reception in honor of Mrs. R. S. Babbitt was given at her home last Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being her 74th birthday. On that day many relatives and friends enjoyed with her two beautiful birthday cakes and tea. Mrs. Babbitt received many beautiful gifts and wishes for many more happy birthdays.

Damage amounting to about \$100 resulted from the fire at the home of Leo Jorgenson, that was discovered shortly after noon Monday.

Mrs. Jorgenson noticed the house filling with smoke, but could not find just where it was coming from. It was later found to have started from a defect in the chimney in the attic of the house. Smoke and water made up the greater part of the damage.

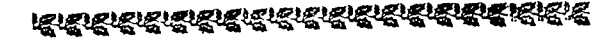
John C. Yahr of Pinconning arrived yesterday to take the night trick at the Michigan Central depot that was made vacant when Grant Shaw was pensioned off, having held the job down for a long number of years. There has been many operators coming and going on the job since and Mr. Yahr's stay may only be temporary. He with his family at one time made their home in Grayling, when he was working here in a similar capacity.

Phil DuFour of Bay City, foreman of car inspectors on the M. C. R. R., passed away at Mercy Hospital in that city Friday of pneumonia. Mr. DuFour was employed for the Michigan Central for over 30 years and was well known all along the line. His work brought him to Grayling during the time when Michigan National Guards came via rail, and also on Snow Train specials. Mrs. DuFour was a brother of Mrs. C. M. Hewitt of Bay City and visited in Grayling frequently when the family lived here. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hewitt were in attendance at the funeral held Monday and the former was a pallbearer.

The Rev. Mr. Wm. C. S. Pellowe, new district superintendent of the Saginaw District of the Methodist Church, conducted the quarterly conference at the Michelson Memorial church on Tuesday evening of this week.

Mr. Pellowe called at the parsonage the following morning and left a copy of his book "The Royal Road to Mexico." The book is a gift for the Grayling library. The volume contains some interesting information concerning Mexico. It will be highly valuable to persons who contemplate a trip along the new national highway through that picturesque country. The book is illustrated with pictures taken by Mr. Pellowe and his family during their Mexican trip a few months ago.

## Gifts for ALL



If you haven't visited our store lately you will be surprised at the many fine improvements in stock selections we have made. We have selected merchandise that we know will appeal to you in quality and also in price.

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Don't forget the bake sale to be given by St. Mary's Altar Society on Saturday, December 18, at Nick's Grocery.

Mrs. Robert Ziebell is being honored with a birthday party this afternoon with her daughter Mrs. Joseph Gidner the hostess at her home.

The Women's Home-Missionary Society will give an apron sale and tea at the Michelson Memorial Church on Friday, December 17th.

Ford Sales announce the sale of a deluxe Tudor to Grant Thompson, a deluxe Fordor to Albert Lewis of Big Bay, and a Pick-up to Kerry & Hanson Flooring Co. of Bay City.

Whoever picked up my bill, if your conscience doesn't hurt, please return. The important thing to me is the fold and the papers.—Frank Bridges.

Dr. C. G. Chippert, has been confined to his home the past few days with a very bad cold. However he is recovering nicely and will soon be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barber of Roscommon were reminded Tuesday night of adding another year to their age by celebrating their birthdays with their relatives and friends. The evening was enjoyed with cards and a delicious oyster stew, cake, and ice cream, which followed later in the evening. Their birthdays fell on December 6th and 7th respectively.

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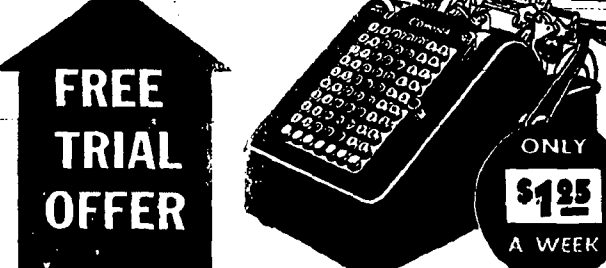
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# LOCALS

THURSDAY, DEC. 16, 1937

Mrs. Ronnow Hanson is away from the Ben Franklin Store because of illness.

On December 18th St. Mary's Altar Society will hold a bazaar at the new Better Housekeeping Shoppe.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gregg (Cora Nephew), of Lovells, are the proud parents of a son born this morning at Mercy Hospital.

Grayling schools will close Wednesday for the holiday vacation when the teachers will go to their various homes or elsewhere for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Harrison are the proud parents of a son born Saturday at Mercy Hospital. James Thomas is his name. Word from Flint announces the birth of a daughter, Marsha Jean, on Dec. 2, to Dr. and Mrs. Harold Woughter (Ada Kingston). The annual Christmas party for the children of St. Mary's church will be held at the parish hall Thursday afternoon, Dec. 23 from 3:00 until 5:00 o'clock.

Besides dealing in new typewriters we occasionally have in stock good used machines. Right now we have an old type Corona portable with case. It writes very well, however the keyboard is not standard in arrangement. For anyone who doesn't have a lot of writing to do it would be all right. See it at this office. You can buy it dirt cheap.

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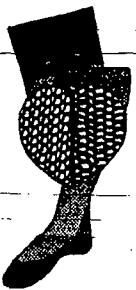


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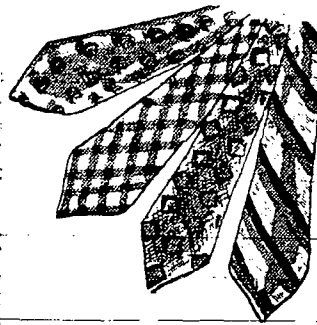
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House Coats and  
Slippers

### Hand Bags

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# Grayling Mercantile Company

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Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. will hold a special meeting on Thursday, Dec. 16th at which time installation of officers will take place. Following the meeting refreshments will be served.

The Alpena Winter Sports Carnival will be held from January 15th to 23rd for the year 1938. The special feature of the carnival this year will be Michigan Skating Championships.

The community Christmas tree has been placed at the intersection of Michigan and Peninsular avenues. Soon it will be covered with colored lights and will help to bring cheer to Grayling folk during the yuletide and New Year's.

Mrs. John Stephan Jr., while driving from down river to town one day last week, had her car skid off the road, hit a tree and turn over. The car was badly damaged necessitating a visit to the Alfred Hanson Sales where a brand-new Chevrolet town sedan was purchased.

Twelve ladies pleasantly surprised Mrs. Carrie Feldhauser Monday afternoon, dropping in at her home, and reminding her that she was a year older, to be exact 81 years. Visiting was much enjoyed and many nice gifts left for the guest of honor.

If you are planning to give a typewriter for Christmas, don't delay. While we have new machines in stock, sometimes they go in a hurry leaving us without any. We deal in L C Smith standards and Corona portables; Underwood standards and portables, and Remington standards and portables. Phone 111. Avalanche Office.

The play "My Cousin from Sweden" was presented by the members of the choir of the Danish-Lutheran church to a full house at Danebod hall, Sunday evening. The crowd was kept in a fit of laughter from beginning to end of the one-act play, and they only wished it lasted longer. Following the play the Ladies Aid served coffee.

Charles Welch, field representative of the division of education of the State Conservation Commission, was a caller at the Avalanche office Monday. He says he is starting on a series of educational conservation talks before the rural schools of Crawford county. Later he hopes to appear before the Grayling and Frederic schools.

Monroe gave its unqualified endorsement of Mayor Daniel A. Knaggs at its recent city election. Mayor Knaggs was reelected by a vote of 3479 with his nearest opponent receiving only 709. It will be remembered that he opposed the steel strikers who attempted to rush and picket the steel works. His prompt and determined action was received with almost universal favor by the workers in the steel mills and the citizens of Monroe generally. It will be recalled that Mayor Knaggs was a guest of Grayling Izaak Walton League during last summer's canoe carnival. He made many friends during his brief visit here.

Watch out for the annual Grange Christmas sale of notions; Christmas cakes, cookies and other goodies.

Very attractive Christmas decorations gave a festive spirit to the luncheon given by Mrs. R. O. Milnes to her bridge club Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Bond held the high score for bridge that followed.

Representative Roy O. Woodruff will speak on the National Broadcasting Company's Farm Home Hour over the nation-wide hook-up on Saturday, December 18th. This program takes place between 12:30 and 1:30 p. m., Eastern Standard Time. Mr. Woodruff will appear as the first speaker on this hour.

### Winter Sports Memberships

Membership Tickets are now on sale and can be obtained at Mac & Gidley's, Shoppenagons Inn, Chris Olsen's and the office of Charles E. Moore.

Family membership ticket .....\$2.50  
Individual .....\$1.00

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

Assembly program Friday was devoted to a demonstration by the advanced Home Ec. Class. If the old adage still holds true that "We learn by example," the students must have discovered the right way of eating, serving, and washing dishes. The correct and incorrect method of performing these everyday household tasks were humorously shown by the following students, under the direction of Miss Tumath:

Yvonne Bradley handled the announcing end of the program; very capably as Natalie Peterson and Laura Johnson gave a riotous demonstration of how not to act at luncheon even though served by so capable a waitress as Dorothea Morris.

In the second skit the big hunt was for a capable housekeeper, especially one who could polish off the dishes in an acceptable manner. Naomi Wheeler portrayed the part of the bachelor needing a housekeeper, while Joyce Heath, June Morris, Laura Ann Rasmussen, and Jane Ann Martin represented the unsuccessful candidates before Kathleen Kraus finally showed them all how it was done and won the job and prospective husband.

The Girls' Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Johnson, rendered several numbers at a program of the Women's Club, Monday.

Tuesday two members of the State Department of Public Instruction conducted a meeting at the High School attended by approximately 20 school board members of Crawford county. Such problems as State aid, tuition, taxes, etc., were discussed. Both morning and afternoon sessions were held.

In the Fourth grade the children are having a health campaign in which they are trying not only to look clean and neat but to practice the health rules in order that our health record might be improved. Each week five inspectors are chosen to inspect the other children. The inspector must be one who obeys all of the health rules. Each inspector wears an arm band to show his position.

The children are checked on the following: clean faces, clean hands which includes the fingernails, clean ears if the hair is combed, if the teeth are brushed, and whether each one has a clean handkerchief. Our first inspectors were Betty Ingalls, Evelyn Krage, Betty Jewel Underwood, Richard K. Nelson, and Teddy Bennett. They were complimented by Mrs. Gorman for

doing their duties in such a thorough way.

**Honor Roll—2nd & 6 Weeks**

12th Grade

Bowen, Keith—1A, 3B's  
Brady, Richard—1A, 3B's  
Chapman, Virginia—4A's  
Johnson, Laura—1A, 2B's, 1C  
Lafayette, Marie—3A's, 1B  
Peterson, Beatrice—4A's  
Peterson, Jennie—4A's  
Peterson, John H.—5A's  
Rumowski, Lewis—1A, 2B's, 1C

11th Grade

Anthony, Clayton—4B's  
Cowan, Donald—1A, 2B's, 1C  
Peterson, Kenneth—4A's  
Pyman, Nellie—3A's, 1B  
Tahvanen, Emil—4A's

10th Grade

Bohinger, Billy—3A's, 1B  
Brady, Jean—2A's, 2B's  
Burrows, Ruth—4A's  
Eckman, Janice—4B's  
Joseph, Mary Jane—4A's  
Lange, Arthur—3A's, 1B  
McNamara, Charles—1A, 2B's, 1C

9th Grade

McNeven, Gloria—1A, 3B's  
Miller, Dorothy—4A's  
Peterson, Natalie—1A, 3B's  
Peterson, Virginia—4A's

8th Grade

Amos, Louise—1A, 2B's, 1C  
Chapman, Kathryn—2A's, 1B  
Conroy, Earl—1A, 3B's  
Fading, Betty—4A's  
Flagg, Margaret—1A, 2B's, 1C  
Martin, Jean—2A's, 1B, 2C's  
Muth, Stella—4B's

7th Grade

Papandick, Rayda—2A's, 2B's  
Roberts, Patricia—4A's  
Skingley, Robert—3A's, 1B  
Broadbent, Elaine—4B's  
Brady, Eugene—1A, 3B's  
Christensen, Betty—1A, 3B's  
Christensen, Faye—3A's, 1B  
Doroh, June—1A, 3B's  
Klimosky, Ruth—3A's, 1B  
Matthews, Jennie—4B's

6th Grade

Brady, Anna—4B's  
Brady, Monica—1A, 3B's  
Clark, Robert—3A's, 1B  
Glover, Kathryn—2A's, 2B's  
Jeffrey, Anna Mae—1A, 2B's, 1C

5th Grade

Lafayette, Ruth—1A, 3B's  
Stevenson, Jean—4A's  
Thompson, Ross—1A, 2B's, 1C  
Whittaker, Mildred—4B's

4th Grade

The Hi-Y Club met Monday night for their regular, informal, weekly meeting. The topic discussed was the requirements of a successful athlete. Mr. Poor, the advisor of the club, gave a list of requirements and also "The Ten Commandments of an Athlete" by Gus Dorais of the U. of D.

Since this is the first article from the activities of the Hi-Y, it might be well to tell just what the purpose of this group is. It is composed of some 15 members, boys in the Junior and

Senior classes, with Mr. Poor and Mr. Stripe as leaders. Meetings are held every Monday evening, usually at the school, and topics of present importance are discussed as well as other educational and entertaining topics. Also it is a custom of the organization to do some constructive work in and about school.

**"The Ten Commandments of an Athlete"**

By Gus Dorais

1. Coordination
2. Condition
3. Enthusiasm
4. Mental Alertness
5. Courage
6. Cooperation
7. Size
8. Mental Stability
9. Application
10. Susceptibility to Instruction

**A-T-H-L-E-T-I-C-S**

- A-Ambition
- T-Training
- H-Honesty
- L-Lowly
- E-Enthusiasm
- T-Trustworthiness
- I-Improvement
- C-Courage
- S-Susceptibility to Instruction

**TAX SALE PUBLICATION BEGINS**

Again stressing the fact that the land descriptions will be advertised for tax sale even though paid, Auditor General Gundry today requested the cooperation of Michigan newspapers in presenting the reasons for publication to the people.

Stating that in a sense his office is attempting to do the work in one year that was suspended for six years and that the "job" of a partner complicated by the installment plan, Mr. Gundry asks taxpayers to not be alarmed if they find their property listed for sale when they have made payment on their taxes.

The auditor explained that he had given a great deal of thought to the mechanical procedure for making ready for the tax sale. One important fact, they could not get around he said, was the longer time needed by the publishers this year coupled with the fact that the state must be done in consecutive weeks prior to the opening date of the first term of circuit court proceeding May 3 which is the date of sale.

Work has been progressing at an entirely satisfactory pace Mr. Gundry stated and will be in the publishers' hands a bit before the time set last summer.

**First Oil Well Shallow**

The first well drilled for oil, the Drake well of 1859, was 69 1/2 feet deep. Later wells 10,000 feet deep were quite common.

**MANNERS OF THE MOMENT**

By JEAN

Crawford Avalanche

WAS always told that a lady should never be seen eating on the street. I believed in the old myth for a long time. But as I keep telling my mother, life isn't what it used to be. In her day you had to go into the kitchen, make up a sandwich, and march out into the street with it if you wanted to be caught eating on the street. It was a lot of work for a mere principle. But now street eating creeps up on you. You pass a street corner stand where there are nice hot dogs on view and you get hungry. Well, if you decide to buy, you can't very

**JOHNNY'S HISTORY LESSON**

I think of all the things at school  
A boy has got to do.  
That studying History, as a rule,  
Is worst of all, don't you?

Of dates there are an awful sight,  
And tho' I study day and night,  
There's only one I get just right—  
That's 1492

Columbus crossed the Delaware, in 1492.  
We whipped the British fair and square, in 1492.

At Lexington and Concord we kept the redcoats on the run  
While the band played "Johnny Get Your Gun."

Pat Henry said with dying breath, in 1492.  
Give me liberty or death, in 1492.

And Barbara Fritchie, too, in 1492,  
Said "Shoot if you must this old grey head,  
But I'd rather it would be your own instead," in 1492.

The pilgrims came to Plymouth Rock, in 1492  
And the Indians standing on the rock asked, "What  
are you going to do?"

And they said, "We seek your harbor dear,  
That our children's children's children's dear  
May boast that their forefathers landed here, in 1492.

Pocahontas saved the life—in 1492  
Of John Smith, and became his wife, in 1492.

And the Smith tribe started then and there,  
But we didn't have any Smiths to spare, in 1492.

Kentucky was settled by Daniel Boone, in 1492  
And I think the cow jumped over the moon in 1492.

Ben Franklin flew his kite so high,  
He drew the lightning from the sky,  
And Washington couldn't tell a lie—in 1492.

Contributed.

**Have Permit To Cut Christmas Trees**

Lansing, Dec. 15.—The person who drives into the country to cut his own Christmas tree may spend the holiday season in jail if he neglects to secure written permission from the owner of the land on which the tree is growing.

The warning is repeated by the department of conservation because of the severity of the penalty. Cutting and removing Christmas trees from state-owned lands will bring prosecution of all trespassers who are apprehended. No permits are issued for the removal of trees from state-owned lands and the law provides triple damages for the commission of wilful trespass and the violator is also criminally liable.

According to the statute, no person shall cut, remove or transport within this state for decorative purposes or for sale, Christmas trees, evergreen boughs, or other wild trees, shrubs or vines without the written consent of the land on which the same were grown. The law provides a penalty of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 or a period not to exceed three months, or both, for failure to secure a permit.

**DEPT. OF STATE**

STATE NEWS BULLETIN

**LAW STOPS EVASION OF LICENSE "EXAM"**

You can't get a new driver's license if you present one—its good for another six months or more, Leon D. Case, Secretary of State, points out, citing a provision of the state's motor vehicle law as authority.

An unprecedented volume of applications for operators' license fees from persons whose present licenses will be valid for six months or more, has caused complications between the state and local governments in the matter of license fee refunds.

From each \$1 fee charged for licenses, the state refunds 15 cents to the municipality in which the applicant lives. The first operation in Department of State routine, is to record fees attached to applications, crediting local governments with the proper sum. Applications filed too soon are not noted until records are checked; the rejection of such applications involves return of the \$1 fee and deduction in revenue credit from the accounts of the local governments concerned, in each case.

With applications being received at the rate of some 5,000 a day, sizeable deductions from local returns credited but not as yet paid, have caused misunderstandings.

Case attributes most applications in advance of expiration dates of current licenses, to a desire on the parts of applicants to evade the state's new license examination law which it is believed, will be in preliminary operation by January 1st. Hundreds of such applications are being rejected daily.

**Guncotton for Wounds**

Collodion, once extensively employed in photography, finds a more general use now in surgery and chiropody, because of its tendency to make a protective coating over scratches, chaffings and other open wounds. Being insoluble in water, its protective properties are prolonged.

Thousands of lambs are reported slain by foxes in Scotland.

**CHURCH SCHOOL TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Church School of the Michelson Memorial church will present its annual Christmas program next Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

The program will be two-fold: The first part will consist of some special numbers by the children of the Beginners and Primary departments. These are the pre-school age children and those of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. Mrs. Augustus Funck and her staff of teachers are in charge of this part. The second part of the program will be a pantomime dramatizing the story of the birth of Jesus as recorded in the gospels of St. Mark and St. Matthew. The Junior, Intermediate, and High School classes will present the pantomime. The junior choir of twenty-five voices will give the musical setting by singing the old familiar carols while the various classes act out the songs. Mrs. Flory is directing the pantomime.

The congregation will join in the singing of some Christmas hymns.

It is to be hoped that the parents and friends of the children will attend the program in this way showing their Christmas spirit and their appreciation of the effort of the children and young people and their teachers. The offering which will be received will be given as a White Gift to the Methodist Children's Home in Detroit.

**Frederic Notes**

Mrs. Wm. Peterson, whose husband was recently killed while hunting deer, returned to her home in Saginaw Thursday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Yeomans of Flint visited John Wheeler and wife on Friday.

Oscar Klont has been called to Boyne City by the illness of his aged mother, who is to have a serious operation. His father also is reported to be very weak.

C. S. Barber is visiting relatives. He and Mrs. Barber are to make a somewhat extended trip.

Dear Editor: To settle a dispute I am inquiring how well-informed people at Grayling pronounce the name, Lake Margrethe. (Lake Margaret).

**Did You Know?**

That the famous Lighthouse on the Mole of Naples, in the Mediterranean was extinguished about three years ago, for the last time, after burning every night for over six hundred years.

That "Coal Trees" have remained complete through the ages which turned them into coal. They are found in mines standing in their normal position and perfectly formed, except that their roots, trunks, branches, and even their leaves have been converted into coal.

That the noise created by twenty-seven singers is only twice that of one singer.

That paper was invented in China about 102 A. D. It was introduced into Spain by the Moors in 1151, where its resemblance to papyrus led the Europeans to call it paper. Paper did not come into general use until the fourteenth century, when a paper mill was erected in Germany. Most of the products of this mill were used for school books.

Bath county, Ky., owes its name to the large number of mineral springs found there.

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**GET YOUR SECURITY NUMBER AND GAS TAX RETURNS REACH NEW HIGH**

Workers of Michigan Lansing, Dec. 15.—State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner reported that rebates you—MUST—get your Social Security Account Number and you MUST file it with your employer.

Employers of Michigan If the worker fails to get the number the Unemployment Compensation Act places on employers of eight or more, subject to the act, responsibility for getting the Social Security Account Number of each worker.

Why? The law directs that the separate account for each worker covered by the act MUST be maintained under the Social Security Account Number, and the name of the employee. How to get the Number: Apply at the post office for a blank, that when filled out, mailed to Room 205, Federal Building, Detroit, will bring your number to you.

Who receives a Number? Every worker, regardless of age, MUST have his Social Security Account Number on file with his employer before he can qualify for job benefits. Do not confuse Old Age Pension and Unemployment Compensation laws. Workers over 70 may be eligible for benefits if they successfully qualify otherwise.

Remember Get your Social Security Account Number today if you haven't done so.

**TAX MILK EXEMPT WHISKEY**

Ye gods, what a State! Tax exempt whiskey for the adults and taxed milk for the babies! Have Michigan people fallen so low that whiskey takes precedence over milk and that men's appetites are more important than the babies' needs? No, we rather believe that the people of our state are sound at heart and that it is only the little group that governs us at Lansing who are making the state appear ridiculous by taxing milk and exempting whiskey.—Cassopolis Vigilant.

There are over 40,000 short-wave radio operators in the U. S.

**DON'T IRRITATE GAS BLOATING**

If you want to REALLY GET RID OF GAS don't take harsh, irritating alkalies and "gas tablets." Most gas in the stomach and upper bowel, is due to constipation. Adierika rids you of GAS and cleans foul poisons out of BOTH bowels.—Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

**Oldest City of the Americas**

St. Augustine, oldest city of the Americas, where the ancient traditions of the early settlers endure, is one of the most colorful. Since 1565, when St. Augustine was officially settled by Pedro Menendez de Aviles, 53 years after its discovery by Ponce de Leon, America's oldest city has been the shuttlecock of nations. St. Augustine was the scene, early in the Seventeenth century, of pirate attacks; it was the site of numerous sanguinary Indian battles.

**Reward**

A reward of \$10.00 will be given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who has in the past or does in the future destroy or steal any property at the Winter Sports Park.

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**Tri-County Telephone Company**

You Should Pick Your Corner, If You Intend to Eat Hot Dogs on the Street.

well put your hot dog in your pocketbook and walk into the nearest hot dog stand. That, again, would be too much work for a mere principle.

The real crux of the problem now lies in how and where you do your street eating. In the first place, it is more ladylike to stand still while you eat, rather than to wander along the sidewalk munching. In the second place, it is considered more elite to stand still beside the hot dog wagon, rather than beside the church steps while you lap up your roll-and.

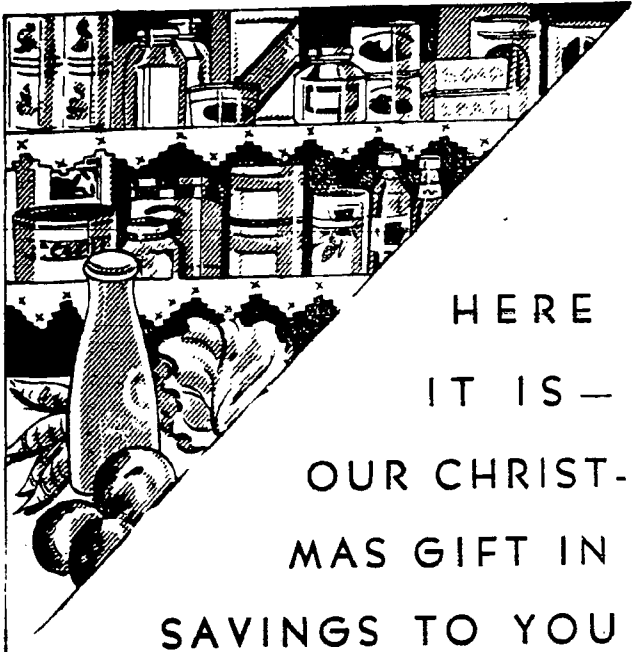
If it's a chocolate bar you've decided to eat on the public highways, be careful about choosing your streets. You shouldn't be caught eating on the main business street, or the ritziest parkway in town. What you do in the back alleys is your own business.

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## The Michigan Mirror

Non-partisan News Letter  
Michigan Press Association  
By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—Announcement of a proposed legislative investigation of cooperatives in Michigan—consumers' cooperatives as well as producers' cooperatives—was greeted jubilantly by local sponsors of the Scandinavian substitute for private retail business.

The legislative probe started out originally to look into finances of the Wolverine "self-help" cooperative in Lansing which received federal subsidy money as a welfare project. But when Attorney General Starr ruled that legislative investigations by committee had no legal standing after adjournment of the legislature, the legislative council took up the torch. Speaker George Schroeder, council chairman, declared that the investigation would include all cooperatives.

Friends of the Michigan cooperative movement are welcoming the prospect of statewide publicity. It is pointed out that the Klan, nearly deceased, is now thriving again since the press hulkaboo over Justice Black's former membership in the hooded order.

Representative Vernon J. Brown of Mason resigned from the investigating subcommittee of the legislative council, declaring that the extended probe was beyond the scope contemplated in house resolution No. 114.

Special Session? Several developments are complicating the prospect of another special session of the state legislature early in 1938.

Governor Murphy's candidacy for re-election is generally acknowledged. There are a number of administrative scores to be settled before Murphy takes the task of having his measures reburied in the legislature.

The main reason for a special session would be the passage of a labor relations bill. With a business recession now in force and general layoffs looking for many workers, the time is not considered opportune for organizing labor to demand higher wages at the threat of strikes.

The Michigan Federation of Labor held a special meeting in Lansing last Sunday (Dec. 12) to discuss a policy in labor relations legislation apparently in anticipation of a special session.

The governor's statement of Thanksgiving week indicated that he would not tolerate with "wildcat" sit-down strikes brought about by a minority group.

Hour Week A 24-hour week with 40 hours of sleep by CIO workers in the Chrysler C.A.W. local in the Detroit area. Their contract with the automobile company expires March 31.

While the demand for a short week with the same pay is probably a weapon for bargaining, the resolution indicates a trend towards higher manufacturing costs.

At a time when Congress is considering passage of an hour-wage bill giving the federal government the authority to establish hour and wage levels throughout the nation, it is interesting to note that Michigan's average cost per man-hour in industries is exceeded only by those in Wyoming and Montana—where little industry exists and is tied actually by the man-hour cost in New York state.

Figures compiled by the National Industrial Conference board from the last census of manufacturers lists the following states with man-hour costs of 50 cents or over:

D. C.	64	Idaho	55
Wyoming	61	N. J.	54
Mont.	61	N. D.	54
New York	60	Oregon	52
Mich.	50	Colo.	51
Nevada	58	Penn.	51
Illinois	58	Kansas	50
Calif.	57	Neb.	50
Ohio	57	Ind.	50
Wash.	56	Ariz.	50

At the bottom of the list are southern states such as Virginia, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina with man-hour costs ranging from 40 cents down to 23 cents.

"Decentralization" The Detroit district council of the C.I.O. recently appealed to Governor Murphy to fight widespread advancement of unemployment, asking him specifically to stop layoffs by spreading the work through a shorter week and to stop "decentralization of industry such as farming work out of the state."

The reference of the automobile workers to "decentralization" was viewed as a criticism of the policy of General Motors corporation, for one, in opening new plants in other states so that "all eggs wouldn't be in the same basket."

If manufacturing costs are increased still more in Michigan, the inevitable result would be a speeding up of this decentralization—"farming work out of the state," as the C.I.O. council puts it.

Of course, the only thing that might slow up the movement would be a federal hour-wage law under either the A.F.L. plan of an outright minimum for the entire nation or the C.I.O.-favored plan of regional hour-wage levels to be determined by another bureau at Washington.

In view of the fact that 90 per cent of all the automobiles in the world are made in Michigan, the labor developments are worth watching.

Van Wagoner in Action According to word received at the state capitol, chances are pretty slim that congress will cut \$200,000,000 from the federal road fund for allotment to states.

Murray D. VanWagoner, state highway commissioner, recently returned from Washington where he mobilized Michigan congressmen to stick to the highway spending program, using as a weapon the fact that about \$100,000,000 of the federal gasoline tax revenue last year was not used for highway purposes.

Economy and balance-budgeting are all right for speech-making, but they are a horse of a different color when it comes to the home districts. Congressmen are getting jittery, and defeat of the Roosevelt economy move is now generally conceded.

Michigan State Debt In contrast to Michigan's sound financial condition, its state debt of some \$22,000,000—the outstanding bond indebtedness of \$72,000,000 being offset by a cash sinking fund of nearly \$50,000,000—recent statistics by Dun & Bradstreet show that borrowing by state governments increased the state debts 34.25 per cent in the last seven years.

During the same period, Michigan's debt was reduced—not increased.

New York state accounts for more than one-fifth of the present total debt of the 48 states of which 27 have raised the debts, 18 have reduced them, and three have effected no change.

Louisiana heads the list of the higher per capita increase of \$34.59, due chiefly to "Kingfish" Huey Long.

Holiday Trade Good Most merchants are enjoying a good holiday trade, despite the "psychological panic" as economists call the present business recession.

If there really was a slump in October, it didn't show in sales tax collections which totalled \$5,117,096 as compared to \$4,419,336 last year. The tax increase, so far, for this year is now \$7,739,000.

Business may not be of the boom proportions that Babson predicted for this fall, but it is better than this time last year. Of course, there are occasional exceptions to the rule.

No Mansion For Murphy The bachelor governor has put an end to the controversy, freshly renewed by a republican legislator, about whether he is to have a mansion provided by state funds.

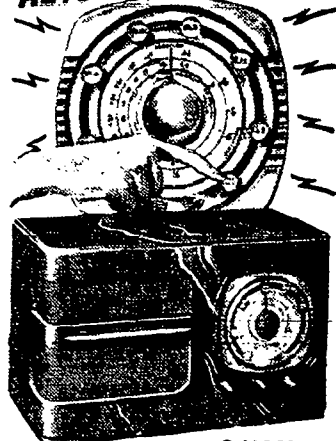
Last spring the state legislature considered authorizing an appropriation to purchase or construct a mansion for the governor. The idea was sponsored by certain leaders in the House, but when the governor failed to consult with them in handing out choice plums, the sponsors' ardor cooled considerably. Instead, the House passed a resolution that the board of auditors might "negotiate for and rent" a home for the governor.

A few weeks ago the board of auditors considered the purchase of a large residence in Lansing for \$85,000.

From the Detroit suburb, Plymouth, came a sizzling publicity blast from the peppery Elton Eaton, state representative who is prominent in republican circles.

The final result was the disowning by Murphy of the entire notion. "The state should—when the time is proper—build a modest home for its governors," said the Governor whose Lansing residence is a hotel room.

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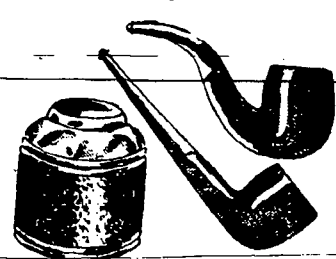
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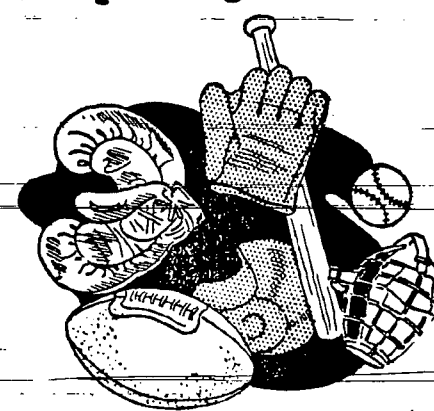
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## Home Economics Extension Notes

The Home Extension Group, No. 5 met at the home of Mrs. Carl Doroh, Dec. 10th. The lesson "Color in the Home," was given by our leader, Mrs. Nyland Houghton, and everyone enjoyed the talk.

Mrs. Carl Doroh, chairman, conducted the meeting. A delicious lunch was served.

Two new members have joined and the Group will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Schmidt, Jan. 20.



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## PIONEERING IN CRAWFORD COUNTY

(Continued from front page)

at first were quite successful; the land was new and the forest protected crops from frost. However, the soil was very light and the most of it unfit for farming. At length they were forced to go elsewhere, in search of better soil.

The location surrounding Knecht Lakes was homesteaded by Mr. Knecht, father of John, George, Fred and Dave Knecht. These boys later did quite a stroke of farming about two miles northeast of the Feldhauser school.

Mr. Rasmus Hanson came to Grayling and settled in 1878, with the idea of expanding his lumber business. Needless to say, he was very well rewarded for his keen foresight. The huge business which he carried on was a very large factor in the building of Grayling.

Crawford county actually came into existence in 1879, functioning with its county officers.

Peter W. Stephan came to Grayling, from France, bringing his daughter Mrs. Rube Babbitt, and sons, Henry, John and George with him. He homesteaded on the very spot now known as the Stephan settlement in 1879. They also lived by farming and hunting. In those days the pioneers could not travel far on account of modes of traveling and roads. They would hear of settlers ten miles away but it was too difficult to get to them and get acquainted. One time a neighbor gave Mr. Stephan a wagon box full of watermelon which were ripe and juicy, and they have been known to raise corn eight feet high. They could hardly do that today in that same location on account of the frost.

Mrs. Gilbert Vallad's father, Holloway Buck, with his wife and four children came to Grayling in 1879. He homesteaded on what is now known as Buck Hill. Farming was difficult on account of the dense timber and slow oxen. They were so far away that many hardships were endured during the extreme cold winters. They had to come to Gray-

ling on snowshoes to get provisions. Mr. Buck lived mostly by hunting, fishing and trapping. Other settlers soon moved in, which included Mr. Coventry and Mr. Owens. The latter was Mrs. Holger Schmidt's father. They all decided that they should have school for their children and so had both grade school and Sunday school at Mr. Buck's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feldhauser, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schrieber, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Aebli by Mr. Knecht, father of John, George, Fred and Dave Knecht. These boys later did quite a stroke of farming about two miles northeast of the Feldhauser school.

There were many settlers on the plains from Buck's Crossing clear through to K.P. Lake and on to Lovells. There were also settlers near Cheney and no doubt in other parts of the county trying to farm on the light, soils-prominent on much of our plains land. But as pointed out previously it was of no use, because they were soon "starved out," so to speak. Today there are only two good areas in the county under cultivation. These two are hardwood country and the soil is heavy and our farmers raise some very fine crops. It must be admitted, however, that Crawford county as a whole is a very poor agricultural country. Not enough farms to create a good market. For instance, no grain or potato elevators, and the cream output is so small that no large creamery from down-state will operate a cream station. I would say that the people of Grayling can be thankful that we have few farmers in the county and thus do not have to rely on the outside altogether.

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